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SUBJECT: PUBLICATIONS AND FILMS FOR SWAZI ARMY

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1. DURING CALL ON MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, S.M. MATSEBULA ON MARCH 20, AMBASSADOR SAID USG WAS PREPARED TO SUPPLY GOS WITH FILMS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR USE BY ROYAL SWAZILAND DEFENSE FORCE (RSDF) AND GAVE MATSEBULA A FEW TRAINING MANUALS SUPPLIED TO US BY USDAO, PRETORIA, AS EXAMPLES OF MATERIAL USG COULD SUPPLY. AT SAME TIME, AMBASSADOR RESTATED OUR POSITION ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO SWAZILAND AND SAID USG WILLINGNESS TO SUPPLY THIS MATERIAL SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS AN INDICATION THAT WE WERE WILLING TO EXPAND OUR ROLE. MATSEBULA EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING AND WARM THANKS.

2. IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION OF RSDF, AMBASSADOR ASKED ABOUT RECENT PRESS REPORT NAMING MEMBERS OF ARMY COUNCIL. MATSEBULA REPLIED THIS REPORT WAS UNOFFICIAL AND PREMATURE; COMPOSITION OF ARMY COUNCIL WOULD BE ANNOUNCED IN OFFICIAL CONFIDENTIAL

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GAZETTE SOON. MATSEBULA ALSO SAID TRAINING OF RSDF HAD

IMPROVED SINCE RETURN OF SIX SWAZI NCOS WHO WERE IN
TRAINING IN KENYA. IN RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR'S QUESTION,
MATSEBULA SAID GOS IS NOT TRYING TO WORK OUT WITH U.K.
TRAINING COURSES FOR RSDF PERSONNEL SIMILAR TO THOSE
U.K. PROVIDES FOR ROUAL SWAZILAND POLICE.
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